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## LETTER FROM SOLDIER BOY

Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., November 11 (Editor The Camden Chronicle)—I wish to tell your readers something about this great military training camp, where Uncle Sam is training thousands of young men for service in France. In the first place the word "immense" fails to do justice to the subject. I have been over a good portion of eighteen States and have seen various enterprises in operation, some of them on a big scale, but nothing to compare with this one. The United States Government owns thousands of acres here, about five miles from Columbia, the capitol city of South Carolina, and upon this immense tract of land have been and are still being erected large barracks.

Nearly all of these buildings are two-story structures 40x150 feet, lighted by electricity, heaters, hot and cold water and all necessary buildings and arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the soldier boys. They have all drawn winter clothing, and together with heavy blankets and overcoat they are going to start to France with a lot of stuff to take care of—much heavier than most of us would care to carry very far—I should guess about 75 pounds. And there is no doubt about their going to France. The officers are giving the boys vigorous drilling, and there are about twelve English and French officers giving them training in trench warfare.

I saw a lieutenant from the Russian Navy here on the day of the flag raising, November 1. The flag pole is 153 feet high. It is set in concrete, and is there to stay for a long time. The large flag was slowly raised and as it unfurled to the breezes 1,000 small flags were released and floated on the gentle autumn air and were carried away as souvenirs. I secured one, and sent it home to East Tennessee.

Tennessee boys are numerous here, and there are several from Benton County. Among those with whom I have become acquainted is Harold Roberson, a first class man, who occupies a similar position to mine (that of a regimental supervisor over the culinary department.) I have met Will Phifer, who is just getting over the measles. He tells me that Charles Phifer and Jesse Pafford are here, though I have not met them.

Will Phifer tells me that my old friend, James Hawley, lives near Big Sandy. I have not forgotten our early boyhood days, Uncle Jim, and I'd like to see you folks once more, but don't know about it, for I'm in the Government service and can't turn loose very well, for I am drawing a good salary and will probably be needed a long time. I may go to France, though I hardly think so, for I have a nice little home and a wife and three children.

We are anticipating a swell dinner on Thanksgiving. As to the grub or "chow" we get here, if you think we are not getting enough to eat, ask Harold Roberson. Our bill of fare for supper tonight (November 14) was roast beef, creamed rice, stewed prunes, lemonade, French fried potatoes and "light" bread. You may doubt it when I tell you that it cost less than 50 cents a day to feed the boys, but it is a fact. For breakfast in the morning we will have beefsteak, biscuits, oat meal with

sugar and milk, syrup (Kansas) apple sauce and coffee with milk and sugar.

Well, Uncle Jim Hawley, I regret to tell you that my mother and father are both dead. Mother died about six years ago. Father followed her two years later. My home is near the old place, west of Horn's Mill. John Bowers and Sam (Red) are dead, also Uncle Joe Gray and all his large family but two. I saw service in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and could tell you a lot about my experiences since then.

But I must ring off. Send me a copy of the paper; wrap and tie it; tons of mail arrives here and some of it gets lost.

Respectfully yours,  
JOSEPH H. HURST.  
323rd Infantry, G4.

## WHEAT MOVEMENT.

Washington, D. C., November 18.—Striking changes that have taken place in movements of wheat to and from the United States since the beginning of the war in Europe are shown in figures collected by the United States Food Administration. Our total exports of wheat for the year ending June 30, 1917, show an increase of 78,431,036 bushels or close to 110 percent over the prewar average.

An astonishingly large increase in imports, especially from Canada, is shown; but the excess of exports over imports for the past year amounts to over 51,000,000 bushels, equivalent to about half a bushel of wheat from every man, woman and child in this country.

The destination of this wheat is also very interesting. The central powers had no wheat from the United States since 1912. Before the war Germany received 11.2 per cent of our total exports. Shipments of wheat from this country to Greece have increased over 400 fold and Switzerland, which before the war received no United States wheat, imported from us last year over one third as much as formerly went to Germany.

Economy in the use of wheat here in America has helped to make the large exports possible, but with the gradual depletion of food supplies in Europe still greater economy of wheat at home, together with a large 1918 crop, are essential for the success of the allies' cause.

Thus in preparing for a new year we have these facts of vital importance to American farmers. Our wheat must be exported on a huge scale; it goes to our own troops, to our allies and to neutrals which are in need, and whether peace comes or not, the United States Government guarantees a price of \$1.00 a bushel for the 1918 crop at primary interior markets. With such inducements in addition to patriotic motives, American farmers are expected to produce a wheat crop next year of hitherto unrivalled proportions.

The railroads are now moving what promises to be the biggest potato crop in the history of the country. This crop, which is estimated will total approximately 423 billion bushels, half again as much as last year, has been on the way since the middle of September. The movement of it will continue until about April 1 next year. Reports received by the Commission on Car Service indicate that even with intensive loading more than 720,000 cars will be needed to handle the potato crop.

## COUNTY NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

### POINT MASON.

Walter Lowry was at Big Sandy Saturday.

F. P. Wheatley of Sulphur Creek was here Monday.

Roan Brewer was a visitor at B. T. Brewer's Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Lowry visited Mrs. R. C. Redick Sunday.

H. L. Lindsey made a business trip to Faxon Saturday.

Sam Brewer of Happy Hollow was in our midst last week.

G. B. Cherry of Crooked Creek was here one day last week.

J. T. Holmes and wife of Dyer Schoolhouse visited here last week.

George Rainwaters, who has been ill for the past week, is some better.

Taylor Redick and wife of Redick's Landing spent the week-end in this community.

Sol Jones and wife, Miss Clara and Robert Lowry of Sulphur Creek visited here Sunday.

Mesdames Brazil Brewer and children and Lizzie Wynn visited Mrs. Mollie Lowry Monday.

I will close, with best wishes to The Chronicle.

### CLAUD.

E. B. Farmer and L. Phifer were at Eva Saturday.

Ira Dillon and family visited at Sulphur Springs Sunday.

John Brewer of near Big Sandy was here one day last week.

Henry Farmer of Henry County visited relatives here last week.

Sam Rainwaters family and sister, Mrs. T. H. Ball, visited at Point Mason Sunday.

David Melton and family of Harmon Creek spent Sunday here with relatives.

The fine weather of this fall has been highly in favor with our Farmers, who are about done gathering bountiful crops, which God so graciously blessed us with this year.

Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience—Acts xiii 16.

Reader, you who believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, you who believe in the immortality of the soul, who believe in the responsibility of the human race before its creator, you who can but believe that some time you must stand before Almighty God and give an account for the manner in which you spend this life, stop consider and understand that you and me are out upon the great stream of life the current of which fast drifting us toward the eternal world. Consider, know once, understand that our present existence is but momentary only; a flash, as it were, which shall terminate in an everlasting unending hate of existence, and that the reception or nonreception of the Christ of whom Paul is here preaching, as your personal Saviour while in this, your probationary state will determine whether your existence in the great beyond shall be spent in a world of bliss and happiness, in the celestial world of glory, or in a world of woe and despair.

"Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and who-soever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation."—Sent. verse 26. And so the sweet grand and glorious message has come ringing on down through the ages and being proclaimed to you and me today.

Today those noble men of God

like Paul are telling us the wonderful message of salvation. They are coming to us with the compassionate father's message of love to a world of creatures lost through transgression and saying, "men and brethren and all ye who believe in the future existence of the soul, spend not life in despair but in hope, for God has by the gift of His son Jesus Christ provided salvation for all the world, for God so loved the world, that he gave his begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3 16.

And be it known into that this loving son voluntarily gave up his life to pay the penalty of man's transgression; and that that son was raised on the third day, after tarrying with his disciples for a few days, he ascended back to his father there to make intercession for you and me. Be it known unto you, therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."—Verses 38-39.

Therefore, give audience, consider and we must accept as our personal savior that son of God and live subject to his commandments while living in this world, if we would be happy in the future unending state which we must spend after the termination of this earthly pilgrimage.

### PLEASANT HILL.

Ed Owens of Beuna Vista was here on a visit Sunday.

Miss Vadie Smothers is visiting Miss Beulah Smothers.

Rev. Walter Joyner preached an excellent sermon here Sunday.

Misses Letha and Mary Bridges of Woodstock visited Miss Fannie Abbott last week.

Everybody is invited to come to the box supper here on Saturday night, December 1, given for the benefit of the school house.

I will close, with best wishes to The Chronicle.

### LUTERTON.

C. B. Melton was at Mount Zion last Sunday.

John Brewer attended church at Big Sandy Sunday.

Larvin Melton visited Edward Pafford last Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Pafford visited near Flatwoods last week.

Paul Brown of Paris has moved his family near Camden.

T. M. Wheatley and R. A. Brooks were in Big Sandy last week.

John Brown and Robert Jones were in Big Sandy Saturday.

Rev. A. D. Maddox preached an excellent sermon here Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Pafford visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Goodman, last week.

### A Gospel A Day In Angola.

"Soon we will be selling a primer and a gospel every day," writes Missionary Ray B. Kipp of Angola Africa. "That means something in a land where coppers are as hard to get as dollars are in America. The supply of vernacular hymn books and catechisms, also of reading charts for beginners, has run out, owing to the great demand for them."

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## DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING

To the Democrats of the County of Benton:

You are hereby called to meet in mass meeting in Camden at the court house on Monday December 17, 1917, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the judicial convention to be held in Nashville, Tenn., and to transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

This November 19, 1917.

G. M. LESLIE,  
Chairman County Democratic Executive Committee.

### KEEP YOUR HOGS.

Washington, D. C., November 17.—The number of hogs in this country, reported to the United States Agricultural Department, is now 10 per cent below normal. To meet the present demand for pork in the United States and Europe 12 per cent above the normal number would be required. This means a needed increase of 22 per cent in the present hog supply of the United States. The shortage in this country when added to a decrease of 32,000,000 hogs in Europe, represents a very serious situation.

There is evidence that a number of farmers, seeing an opportunity to make a profit on their corn, have sold practically all of their hogs. This is a mistaken policy, for the man who makes money on hog never "plunges." He knows hogs on his farm carry to advantage and maintains about that number. His average profit on his farm is a good deal larger than that of the man who speculates selling short at times and buying up larger numbers at other times.

### WOODSTOCK.

Pearl Bridges was the guest of Hazel Bridges Sunday.

Mrs. Becky Jones visited her son, Luther Jones, Sunday.

Allen Pierce, who has been very ill with fever, is some better.

Bob Cole of near Wyly has been visiting relatives here this week.

Lonzo Bridges and wife spent sabbath with his son, Bob Bridges.

Charles Jones of Martin visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. Laura Jones was a sabbath guest of her mother, Mrs. Lapha Pierce.

Levy Higdon was the guest of his father-in-law, D. B. Mitchell, Monday.

Mrs. Alzada Harris visited her sister, Mrs. Cora Bridges, one day last week.

John Moore and wife spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Pierce.

Best wishes to The Chronicle and its many readers.

### War Echoes In Angola.

"Since Portugal has lined itself alongside of the warring European nations, the attendance at our schools and churches has fallen off somewhat," writes Methodist Missionary Ray B. Kipp, of Malange, Angola. "All the young men within drafting age seem afraid of meeting the recruiting officers, if they venture outside their homes."

The beautiful American flag used in the contest at the college Monday night November 12, is now on display at the store of U. A. Potts.